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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 29, 2022

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

**FROM:** Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson  
GACEC

**RE:** **House Bill No. 415 Licensing of Health Care Providers from Other States**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed House Bill (HB) No. 415, which provides procedures by which a health care provider licensed in another state, may provide health care services in Delaware, including the process by which the Division of Professional Regulation must grant a temporary license. The Bill provides a mechanism for health providers, with licenses in other states, to start work in Delaware while they complete the licensure process. The temporary license expires when the licensing body either grants or denies the licensing application. Council **supports** the proposed legislation.

Delaware has been experiencing a worker shortage, including in the health care industry. Healthcare providers, such as private duty nursing workers, have been reported by families, nurses and home health agencies to be in short supply, unable to meet the demand for their services. The more rural parts of Delaware face their own provider shortages, especially with pandemic related increased demand for mental health services. Temporary licensure may help to attract out-of-state health providers, who may otherwise be hesitant to relocate and potentially take a loss of income while waiting for the licensure process to be completed. This temporary license procedure is unlikely to be a stand-alone fix to workforce shortages, but it is one tool that can be added to others to address this shortage.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support. Please feel free to contact me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office should you have any questions.